

# PTU VIEW

## CUNY PART-TIME INSTRUCTIONAL AND RESEARCH STAFF UNION

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Adjuncts*

CUNY Part-Time Instructional and  
Research Staff Union  
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### WHO WE ARE

We are 3,500 Adjunct Lecturers and Graduate Assistants employed by CUNY. We teach and research in the same university yet we rarely meet one another. We have much in common. All of us are poorly treated by CUNY. We are under-represented and underpaid. We don't receive basic benefits such as health insurance, cumulative sick pay, tuition waivers and job security. To improve our working and living conditions we have begun to organize an independent trade union.

Adjunct Lecturers and Graduate Assistants are now represented by the Professional Staff Congress (PSC), a union comprised mostly of full-time faculty and staff. The PSC has done little so far to improve conditions for part-timers. After a long and frustrating relationship with the PSC, we have concluded that a separate union of part-timers would be the most effective way to further our cause.

Part-time faculty and staff at the Universities of California, Michigan, Wisconsin, Oregon State, Florida State, C.W.Post, Nassau Community College, Hofstra and SUNY have organized part-time faculty unions. We are now beginning to recruit members on each of CUNY's campuses. You can join our effort by attending the next general meeting on April 27 at 4 pm, Room 1027 at the Graduate Center, 33 West 42 Street.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS - - - ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \*\*General Meeting--April 27 at 4 pm, CUNY Graduate Center, Room 1027--Come hear the PSC's view as told by PSC Vice President for Part-Time Affairs, Ms. Susan Praeger.
- \*\*Spring Party! Yes, we are not all work and no play. Following the General Meeting at 6 pm, 3rd Fl. Studio, come dancing and drinking and eating with rock music by BOOK OF LOVE and country music by JODI--bring a friend or two.
- \*\*Conference for Part-Time Faculty Unions--June 2 at Nassau Community College. Details at the General Meeting.
- \*\*Socialist Scholars Conference--April 20 and 21 at Boro of Manhattan Community College, Greenwich and Harrison Sts. More info, call 790-4320. A number of panels will discuss the state of American labor.
- \*\*Volunteer to register voters this summer--call Human SERVE Fund, 280-4053.

## WHAT WE STAND FOR

- + Pro-rated pay according to the full-time lecture line
  - + Basic benefits such as health insurance, child care, tuition waivers, and cumulative sick pay
  - + Access to university facilities and support services (computers, library, labs, adequate space, gyms, materials and equipment)
  - + Job security (grievance procedure, seniority system for promotions, one year or longer contracts, and timely notification of appointments)
  - + Reestablishment of free tuition and Open Admissions
  - + Aggressive affirmative action programs
  - + Increased state and federal support for higher education; decreased spending for the military; support for disarmament efforts; and a public campaign to make higher education a right for all regardless of economic status
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## PTU CAMPUS CONTACTS

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City College: Donna Lieberman (Urban Legal Studies) 690-5425  
Hunter College: Peter Hitchcock (English) 772-5070  
The Graduate Center: Jeff Gerson (Pol Sci) 790-4275  
PTU Office: 763-0343 from 9 to 5 pm

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## WHAT YOU CAN DO

Aside from attending general meetings you can contribute much to the Union's efforts. We need writers, editors, researchers, speakers, typists, educators and artists. Here is an opportunity to learn new skills, meet people, and grow with us. Help us; we'll help you. Start spreading the word by talking to your fellow part-timers. Let them know PTU is here.

HAPPY SPRING HOLIDAYS. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON.

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